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REMARKS

Claims 26 to 49 are pending. Claims 26 and 38 are amended.

§ 103 Rejections

In the Office Action, section 2, it states that "Claims 26 are rejected..." and then it continues in stating that "As in independent claims 26 and 38..." Applicants believe there is a typo in the first line of section 2 and that it should state "Claims 26 and 38 are rejected..." Although not specifically mentioned in the first sentence of section 2 of the Office Action, claims 27, 28, 34, 36, 37, 39, 40, 46, 48, and 49 appear also to be rejected as being unpatentable over Bonicalzi et al. based on the rest of section 2. Applicants are responding to the Office Action based on these assumptions.

Claims 26, 27, 28, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 46, 48, and 49 stands rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bonicalzi et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,179,686).

Independent claims 26 and 38 have been amended to recite "providing a document having an at least partially light-transmissive first layer and a second layer located below the first layer, the second layer including at least one image." Support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification and in the Figures. Applicant submits no new matter has been added. Independent claims 26 and 38 have also been amended in their respective preambles to make them consistent with issued claims in prior patents in the same patent family.

Applicants believe independent claims 26 and 38, as amended, are allowable over Bonicalzi et al. Bonicalzi et al. does not disclose, teach or suggest providing a document having an at least partially light-transmissive first layer and a second layer located below the first layer, the second layer including at least one image. Instead, Bonicalzi et al. discloses a general identification paper, such as a credit card 1 having an image or picture 2. Thus, claims 26 and 38, as amended, recites elements not shown, taught or suggested by Bonicalzi et al. and should be allowable. Claims 27, 28, 34, 36, and 37, which depend from claim 26 and add further limitations, should also now be allowable. Claims 39, 40, 46, 48, and 49, which depend from claim 38 and add further limitations, should also now be allowable. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the rejection of claims 26, 27, 28, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 46, 48, and 49 under 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bonicalzi et al. be withdrawn.

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Claims 29-32 and 41-44 stands rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bonicalzi et al. and further in view of Berson (US 5,514,860). As mentioned above, independent claims 26 and 38 have been amended to recite elements not shown, taught or suggested by Bonicalzi et al. and should be allowable. Claims 29-32, which depend from claim 26 and add further limitations, should also now be allowable. Claims 41-44, which depend from claim 38 and add further limitations, should also now be allowable. Therefore, the rejection of claims 29-32 and 41-44 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bonicalzi et al. and further in view of Berson has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

Claims 33 and 45 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bonicalzi et al. and further in view of Van Der Meer (US 3,709,119). As mentioned above, independent claims 26 and 38 have been amended to recite elements not shown, taught or suggested by Bonicalzi et al. and should be allowable. Claim 38, which depends from claim 26 and add further limitations, should also now be allowable. Claim 45, which depends from claim 38 and add further limitations, should also now be allowable. Therefore, the rejection of claims 33 and 45 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bonicalzi et al. and further in view of Van Der Meer has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

Claims 35 and 45 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bonicalzi et al. and further in view of Bloomstein (US 3,718,908). As mentioned above, independent claims 26 and 38 have been amended to recite elements not shown, taught or suggested by Bonicalzi et al. and should be allowable. Claim 35, which depends from claim 26 and add further limitations, should also now be allowable. Claim 45, which depends from claim 38 and add further limitations, should also now be allowable. Therefore, the rejection of claims 35 and 45 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bonicalzi et al. and further in view of Bloomstein has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

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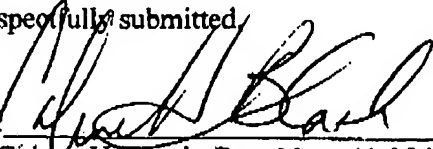
Withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested. If a telephonic conference would be helpful in resolving any outstanding matters in the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact applicants' undersigned representative.

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